

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior, Environmental Protection Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baton Rouge

Address of Requesting Entity: 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Description of Request: City of East Baton Rouge for Sewer System Improvements. East Baton Rouge Parish, under a consent decree with the EPA for sewer system overflows, is replacing and repairing much of its outdated and deteriorating decades-old sewer system. As part of this effort, the Parish is rehabilitating, upgrading, and/or replacing many of the major sanitary sewer trunk lines and pump stations transporting flow to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP). The SWWTP services an area of approximately 44,000 acres with a population of approximately 210,000 people, and has a plant design capacity of 120MGD. The Service area comprises much of the southern portion of the Parish, including portions of Downtown Baton Rouge, the Baton Rouge Community College, and Louisiana State University. This area is experiencing significant population growth due to the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as well as ongoing regional development. The City/Parish has already expended approximately \$500,000,000 in improvements to all three of its sanitary sewer collection and treatment facilities, and is scheduled to expend another \$1,200,000,000 to address the system's sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) issues under the consent decree. Improvements in the SWWTP service area are necessary to meet sewer disposal needs and to protect the public health.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior, Environmental Protection Agency

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of West Monroe

Address of Requesting Entity: 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291

Description of Request: City of Monroe, Monroe Wastewater Treatment System. Treatment of Wastewater to Drinking Water Quality for Sparta Aquifer Preservation & Industry Reuse saves the overdraw of the Sparta Aquifer by recycling existing Wastewater and plans for additional flow. This project cuts the deficit of Sparta by about half. It will benefit 14 parishes in NE Louisiana that use the Sparta and will limit most of the Municipal Discharge into the Ouachita River.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Agricultural Research Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Delta Nutrition Initiative, Little Rock, AR. Louisiana ranks 4th in adult obesity and the obesity rate for children have tripled over the past 3 decades. Due to this, childhood obesity prevention in Louisiana has become the LSU AgCenter's Family and Consumer Sciences Extension and Outreach Division's focus. We are requesting \$705,000 dollars to implement the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program (FVSP) in selected schools. This program will expand nutrition education outreach and applied research already being implemented by an established grassroots network of Extension educators in every parish. Underway is a tri-state initiative, Delta HOPE, to address childhood obesity in the poverty-stricken Delta region of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. The AgCenter also has a public-private partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana to conduct and evaluate an interactive educational program called Smart Bodies to teach children how to build strong bodies and develop active minds. Federal dollars will be used to leverage state and private dollars to implement and evaluate the USDA FVSP. Grants will be given to selected public schools participating in Smart Bodies to purchase fruits and vegetables for students to consume throughout the school day. This program will not only improve children's health behaviors, but increase consumption of agricultural commodities

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Description of Request: Formosan Subterranean Termites Research, New Orleans, LA. The Formosan subterranean termite has infested 32 of the 64 parishes in Louisiana, with the most severe infestations in the New Orleans and Lake Charles areas. This insect has caused millions of dollars worth of damage with an astonishing \$300 million impact in New Orleans alone. Clearly, it is the most costly pest in the state and the management of this termite is essential to Louisiana's economic well-being. For the last seven years, the LSU AgCenter has participated in the USDA/ARS project, Operation Fullstop. The AgCenter is the lead agency in management programs for this termite in the French Quarter and 16 public schools in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. From the \$31,800,000 appropriation to ARS, the AgCenter has received approximately \$8.5 million since the initial appropriation in FY 1998. Sixty-four percent (64%) or (\$6,874,724) of these funds has been pass-through money to the pest control operators and thirty-six percent (36%) or (\$2,770,606) has been used to conduct research and extension educational programs. During the past year, the AgCenter received \$1,340,006. Of that amount, \$282,163, or approximately twenty-one and one-half percent (21.5%), was for research and extension activities. The remaining \$1,057,843, or seventy-eight and one half percent (78.5%), was for the PCO operators. We are requesting an increase to \$500,000 to expand our research

and extension programs. Research would focus on improved termite detection systems, evaluation of wood treatment products for protecting building materials, and enhancement of bait technology among others. Extension would continue to provide the critical tasks of educating the citizenry on all aspects of integrated pest management (IPM) of structural pests.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Blackbird Management, Louisiana. Blackbird depredation of rice is a serious economic problem facing rice producers in Louisiana. Depredation of rice occurs at planting and just prior to harvest; however, the most serious problem is depredation of rice seed and seedlings at planting. Yield losses due to blackbird depredation have been estimated to vary from 77 million pounds in 1995 to slightly over 93 million pounds in 2002. Economic losses associated with blackbird damage have been estimated to average \$9.3 million annually from 1995 to 2002. Damage does not occur uniformly across the state; consequently, severe economic losses may be experienced by some producers due to the concentration of blackbirds in a given area. The use of DRC-1339 has resulted in reducing the extent of damage and the magnitude of economic loss. DRC-1339 is a selective avicide specific to blackbirds, grackles, and starlings. As a result, reduction in blackbird damage to rice is achieved with little or no effect upon other bird species.

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Account: AG, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Aquaculture, LA. Louisiana contains one of the most diverse aquaculture industries in the U.S. The state continues to lead the nation in production of crawfish, oyster, alligator, and pet turtle sales. Catfish production has declined in recent years but is still important. The total farm-gate value of aquaculture production in 2008 exceeded \$188.6 million. Research is needed to: 1) enhance crawfish harvesting technology and efficiency and to improve crawfish broodstock reproduction, 2) to further develop tools to facilitate genetic improvement of cultured finfish, 3) to determine alternatives to catfish and other fish cultivation methods and production systems including polyculture, which reduce off-flavor and improve fish health, 4) to further refine finfish nutrition and feeding practices so that feed cost are reduced and water quality is improved, 5) to further protect cultured aquatic species from disease, and 6) to develop new value-added aquaculture food products and waste by-products.

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Description of Request: Biomaterials from Sugar Cane, LA. The major objective of this project is to develop and validate an integrated technology that will convert low-value bagasse, cane leaves and tops, and molasses into a high value product mix including ethanol, specialty chemicals, biomaterials and animal feed for a sugar based biorefinery. The LSU AgCenter will accomplish this by improving, integrating, and optimizing collective technologies in biomass pretreatment, hydrolysis, sugar refining and biological and thermochemical conversion. The conversion of 500,000 tons per year of bagasse and molasses (total raw materials cost of \$23 million) into value-added products using the proposed technologies would generate \$240 million in annual revenue and make a substantial contribution to Louisiana's economy through expanding the sugar industry. The project is a major opportunity to showcase the impact of science and technology in augmenting Louisiana's economic base.

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Description of Request: Tillage, Silviculture, Waste Management, LA. This special grant addresses critical environmental concerns in Louisiana. Alternatives to traditional tillage in southwest Louisiana rice production are needed to improve floodwater quality, reduce soil erosion, and reduce production costs. Stand establishment and early-season plant density have been shown to be critical components of a reduced tillage system. Development of herbicide-resistant rice varieties has allowed drill seeding of rice, which increases flexibility with nutrient and vegetation management. However, the effect of rotational crops on rice grain yield and soil physical condition is not well understood and requires more research. Cotton and corn production are major components of the agricultural economy in northeast Louisiana. Reduced tillage practices and herbicide tolerant crops are being adopted to sustain soil productivity and reduce surface water contamination and are improving production efficiency. However, conservation tillage systems provide a favorable microenvironment for insect populations, which have the potential to limit economic value. Basic biological information is needed on insect population dynamics in reduced tillage systems. The animal waste management component of this project will develop data and systems that allow proper use of waste products and lagoon effluent in two areas of the state. The dairy industry in southeast Louisiana and the poultry industry in north Louisiana will benefit from research on pasture runoff, background indicator organisms, optimum land disposal rates for poultry litter, and new uses for poultry litter particularly as it relates to forest productivity. Enhanced research on Best Management Practices (BMPs) will help reduce both point and non-

point source discharges associated with crop, animal, and timber production activities.

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Description of Request: Wetland Plants, LA. Since the 1930s, 1,000,000 acres of Louisiana wetlands have been lost by human activities and natural forces such as the hurricanes of 2005. This directly affects U.S. security, navigation, energy consumption, and food supply. The potential for loss of life, industry, ecosystems, and infrastructure is enormous. The Coastal Plants Program (CPP) represents a major commitment to focus proven scientific technologies and outreach capabilities on issues critical to restore the coastal wetlands of Louisiana. This program combines the expertise of AgCenter plant breeders, ecologists, and other plant and soil scientists to facilitate the development and utilization of improved native plant resources to preserve remaining marshes and stabilize those that are being re-created. This project will develop strategies for genetic improvement leading to the economic and rapid establishment of critically important wetland plant species over large areas of threatened and reclaimed coastal wetlands. Native populations will be characterized and a genetic improvement program conducted to develop superior varieties/populations with enhanced value in the restoration and protection of wetlands. Plant cloning and molecular biology will facilitate genetic characterization and genetic improvement and provide superior plant materials to Louisiana's developing commercial wetland plant and seed industry. On-site marsh research will address issues concerning beneficial use of dredge material, sediment nourishment of deteriorating wetlands, and factors influencing vegetative response.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: AG, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 25203 Baton Rouge, LA 70894

Description of Request: Best Management Practices and Master Farmer Special Research Grant with LSD, LA. Of more than 2,000 agricultural producers trained through Louisiana's Master Farmer program, 65 have completed the third tier of the program which ends with certification from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. This represents a high benchmark in performance, which requires completion of eight hours of classroom instruction, participation in a Model Farm field tour, and development and implementation of an NRCS Resource Management System plan to address potential or occurring pollution. With the assistance of USDA programs and other technical assistance, these producers have installed research-based BMPs to address environmental issues. These certified producers manage more than 15,000 acres of Louisiana farmland, all within a 50-mile radius of 303d listed impaired state wa-

ters. In addition, multi-state collaboration has resulted in the development of a template by the Louisiana Master Farmer Program that can be used by other states to develop similar programs, focusing on curriculum development, implementation and lessons learned. Land area impacted by targeted programs is 928,507 acres.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Financial Services, SBA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baton Rouge

Address of Requesting Entity: 222 St. Louis Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Description of Request: City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for small business investment initiative technical assistance. Baton Rouge's population growth following the economic devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita provides an opportunity to expand small businesses and micro-enterprises. Baton Rouge is partnering with Seedco Financial and Southern University on a new initiative to provide minority- and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBES) assistance to bridge the financing gap that affects many existing and emerging M/WBES. Seedco will provide loans to these businesses through the Small Business Loan Fund for real estate expansion, working capital, and/or start up costs. The program will connect M/WBES to large-scale developments currently being undertaken by the City/Parish and other local stakeholders in Old South, Mid-City, and Downtown Baton Rouge, neighborhoods with a poverty rate of over 35% and a median household income of \$17,867. This request is to fund comprehensive technical assistance, including debt and financial management, marketing, and cost-cutting strategies, to enable M/WBES to use the financial assistance offered by the City/Parish's partners. Technical assistance will be provided through workshops and intensive, one-on-one sessions by local, grassroots, and nonprofit development corporations trained by Seedco Financial to provide services to borrowers and prospective borrowers. Graduate students at Southern University's School of Business also will deliver business planning and financial management assistance through structured sessions supervised by university professors.

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Account: Financial Services, SBA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: Northeast Louisiana Business and Community Development Center. The University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Business and Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) propose to advance entrepreneurship and support economic development by further development and expansion of the Northeast Louisiana Business and Community Development Center which provides a regional business incubator/accelerator and community development services. The center will contain a multi-purpose incubator and provide regional, rural outreach for community development such as training for community leaders to enhance their ability to create effective economic development plans that include entrepreneurship. The center provides research reports for projects to

communities. To expand the reach of the Center, we anticipate creating virtual services and possible distributed service locations in the rural areas of the service region of the University. Expanded services are possible through a potential partnership with the recently created Center for Rural Initiatives. The expected outcome will be a new focus on entrepreneurship that brings the expertise and resources of the university to rural communities and a facility to nurture entrepreneurs and grow businesses. Community leaders and elected officials will receive training on budgeting, strategic planning, marketing, and accessing community development information. New businesses will be started, with a better chance of survival, and jobs will be created.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: THUD, Airport Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Monroe

Address of Requesting Entity: Monroe, LA

Description of Request: Monroe Regional Airport, New Terminal, LA. This historic airport, birthplace of Delta Airlines, serves the needs of Ouachita Parish and eleven neighboring parishes with a combined population of 325,000 people. The airport currently processes approximately 225,000 passengers a year. Forecasts project a 47 percent increase in activity over the next 20 years. Analysis projects the need for a new terminal at twice the size of the current facility. It would accommodate growth in passengers, provide the latest security features, improve energy efficiency, and be easily expandable for further growth beyond 20 years. This request for FY09 would fund the first phase of Terminal building construction.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: THUD, Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Public Transit Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 2817 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70119

Description of Request: Louisiana Statewide Buses and Bus Facility, LA. The request is for funds to replace obsolete buses & vans, Facilities and transit terminals.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: THUD, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge LA 70804

Description of Request: 4-Laning of Hwy 84 from Vidalia to Toledo Bend, LA. The funding would be used to widen US 84 to four lanes from its junction with LA 3037 to the junction of LA 124

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: THUD, Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Delta Highway 65 Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 103 Rue Toulouse, West Monroe, LA 71291

Description of Request: Delta Highway 65 Study/Expansion, LA. It has been determined that an expansion of LA State Hwy. 65 from Alexandria, LA to I-40 in Arkansas will promote Economic Development within the Delta. Also, it will provide for an Emergency Evacuation Route on the West side of the Mississippi River. The project has few obstacles to overcome and can result in a "4-fold" return; alleviating poverty, providing a needed north/south connector in LA and provide development opportunities within the poorest region of the U.S.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: THUD, Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baton Rouge

Address of Requesting Entity: 222 St. Louis Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Description of Request: I-10 Pecue Lane Interchange, Baton Rouge, LA. The southern portions of East Baton Rouge Parish and adjoining Ascension Parish have experienced significant population growth and expansion in recent years. As a result, traffic volumes have dramatically increased along the I-10 corridor from the I-10/I-12 split east into Ascension Parish. Development in this area is expected to continue to grow, including the construction of a major medical complex nearby, which will further increase traffic volumes. Additional access to and from the Interstate is needed along the I-10 corridor to accommodate these changing travel patterns and increased traffic. Pecue Lane has been identified as a strategic route that can enhance connectivity within this region and provide access to I-10. This project will reduce congestion and improve safety in this part of the City/Parish. An access request for this interchange has been presented to both the LADOTD and FHWA and is currently under review. A rural diamond interchange configuration has been selected for this location to facilitate the connectivity to the existing Pecue Lane overpass. FY 2009 funding will be used complete environmental studies and design.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: THUD, EDI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alexandria

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309

Description of Request: Alexandria Riverfront Multi-Site Development, LA for the redevelopment of the Alexandria Riverfront. The City of Alexandria requests consideration of RIVER, (Riverfront Improvement Venture and Essential Recreation), a cultural, community-up approach to the re-development of the riverfront area of Alexandria-Pineville. Following the model city of Chattanooga, Alexandria-Pineville would benefit from a planned redevelopment of the riverfronts facing each other located alongside both cities. The identities of the cities are tied directly to the riverfronts and history surrounding the areas. The economic engines development along the Red River at Alexandria, which has the largest inland port in the continental United States, creates state-wide economic development opportunities. The proposed works would serve downtown, mid-city, and Garden District busi-

nesses, future retail tenants, downtown hotels, the Riverfront Convention Center, various public buildings such as City Hall, and various other public buildings and improvements. The choices expand other choices for transportation, employment and housing (through mixed-use and other opportunities) and value long-range, regional considerations of sustainability.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: Ruston, LA

Description of Request: Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA for a program in K-12 cyberspace education in cooperation with members of the Consortium for Education, Research and Technology of North Louisiana. The Cyberspace Cyberspace Science and Engineering project will empower K-12 education in North Louisiana and increase the nation's supply of cyber-security professionals. The project is a joint venture between the College of Engineering and Science, College of Liberal Arts, SciTEC in College of Education. It will: Foster development of partnerships with K-12 institutions. Develop and implement innovative curricula related to Cyberspace. Enhance the cyber-infrastructure related to delivering educational content. Improve STEM teacher preparation. Implement professional development opportunities for in-service teachers. Promote student and faculty development. Promote partnerships with business and industry through collaboration with the Cyber Innovation Center.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 4950 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Description of Request: Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Baton Rouge, LA to expand early detection cancer screenings. This MBPCC program is designed for life-saving cancer screenings with the goal of expanding its outreach services to the medically underserved public in the greater Baton Rouge and Hammond and Covington areas. These areas include Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Point Coupee, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana and Washington parishes located in the Louisiana Cancer Control Partnership (LCCP) Regions 2 and 9. MBP began its comprehensive outreach program in 2002 through its CARE Network. In 2007, the program screened the 20,000th person for free. Although cancer incidence rates in Louisiana are comparable to national averages, Louisiana has one of the highest death rates from cancer in the country. For example, African American women have breast cancer incidence rates similar to the national rate but have mortality rates 19 percent higher. The Louisiana Tumor Registry which collects statewide data on all newly-diagnosed malignancies and cancer deaths, reports that one reason for the high death rate is inadequate cancer screening for early detection resulting in late stage diagnosis. Additional funding

would allow MBP to provide more services to those in need.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Francis Cabrini Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 3330 Masonic Drive Alexandria, LA 71301

Description of Request: CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Hospital, Alexandria, LA for a pre-natal clinic, including facilities and equipment. CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Pre-Natal Clinic: CHRISTUS is seeking funding to help support a new pre-natal clinic which will provide care to low income women with the goal of reducing infant mortality and promoting pregnancy wellness here in Louisiana which consistently ranks among the worst states in the nation for high infant mortality (10.4 deaths per 1000 live births in 2004). The center will be available to all women but focused primarily on those with low income, those who are uninsured, and those in the Medicaid population. Three associates will staff the center—nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse, and a clerk. The nurse practitioner will collaborate with a medical director to provide prenatal care as well as early and ongoing risk assessment to prevent and recognize conditions associated with maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Francis Cabrini Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 3330 Masonic Drive Alexandria, LA 71301

Description of Request: CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Hospital, Alexandria, LA for a school dental hygiene program. The Seal a Smile program brings dentists and dental hygienists for four elementary schools where children in the 1st, 2nd, and 6th grades receive treatment which helps prevent cavities. Money would help the program return to the four schools visited this year (to treat a whole new group of children) and bring the program to two more schools at which school-based health clinics opened just this year. In addition, CHRISTUS will employ a dentist with a mobile dental unit from a Federally Qualified Center to do x-rays, fillings, and restorative dentistry at one of the four elementary schools with a school-based health clinic. These funds would enable the mobile dental unit to also serve the other three elementary schools. Our community services division will soon own portable dental equipment, but needs funding for a dentist to do the same restorative dentistry at the other three schools.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Primary Care Association, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 4550 N BLVD Suite 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Description of Request: Louisiana Primary Care Association, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA for purchase of equipment. Even with the one

time state appropriations of approximately \$40 million, Louisiana's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) will still be challenged with the need for operational funds to offset expenses incurred for the growing population of the uninsured. The total cost per user/patient for Louisiana's Health Center patients is \$372 (inclusive of primary care and dental services). According to the 2006 Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) Uniform Data System (UDS) report, Louisiana's health centers served approximately 45% uninsured persons of the total 128,507 users (an increase of 2% from the previous year). LPCA is requesting \$5,000,000 to assist their 22 grantee members with the acquisition of needed healthcare equipment for various centers which may include the implementation of electronic medical records for centers not currently using them. LPCA will use these funds to leverage and solicit additional resources to offset expenses. Commitment letters incorporating detailed budgets and narratives will be required by LPCA to insure accountability from all participating members and will be maintained at LPCA for auditing purposes.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Louisiana at Monroe

Address of Requesting Entity: Monroe, LA

Description of Request: University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA for facilities and equipment. ULM seeks funding for a new 10,000 square foot Animal Research Facility/Vivarium for the College of Pharmacy. The facility will support research of cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, and other neurological diseases. The research facility is a specially designed building type, which accommodates specially controlled environments for the care and maintenance of experimental animals. The facilities are vital to the support of proper, safe, and humane research. The Association for Accreditation and Assessment of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC) provides criteria and a certification process helping assure both accurate experimental results and safe and humane treatment of research animals.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Louisiana at Monroe

Address of Requesting Entity: Monroe, LA

Description of Request: University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA for purchase of a mobile dental unit, including equipment. This mobile unit, serving the delta area of Louisiana, would enhance the teaching capabilities of the dental hygiene program and would provide critically needed services to underserved patients who lack the financial resources and/or transportation to obtain proper dental care. The unit would be staffed by a dentist, dental assistant, dental hygienist and dental hygiene students who would work with local public health offices to coordinate services.

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Account: LHHS, Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Xavier University

Address of Requesting Entity: New Orleans, LA

Description of Request: Xavier University, New Orleans, LA, for facilities and equipment. The goal of this project is to construct an addition to Xavier's College of Pharmacy and expansion of Xavier's Clinical Trials Unit. Expansion of the College of Pharmacy will increase Xavier's ability to provide pharmaceutical companies with well-educated graduates as employees. Xavier is a leader in graduating bioscience and pharmaceutical professionals. For more than a decade, Xavier ranked first nationally in the number of African American students earning bachelors degrees in biology, physics, and the physical sciences overall.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: LHHS, Department of Labor

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeastern Louisiana University

Address of Requesting Entity: Hammond, LA

Description of Request: Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA for a job training initiative. Southeastern Louisiana University requests funding to expand its pilot initiative to provide a one-stop economic/workforce development and community planning/smart growth assistance to meet the needs of post-Katrina southeast Louisiana. A recent addition to the effort is smart-growth community planning. Rapid population growth in the region pre and post-Katrina has accelerated the need for better planning in order to maintain and enhance the quality of life in the area. The Southeast Louisiana Business Center, in conjunction with the Southeastern Social Science Research Center, has initiated outreach to area communities in order to provide smart growth assistance. Southeastern proposes to expand this initiative in order to increase services and reach more communities across southeast Louisiana.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Commerce

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Baton Rouge, LA

Description of Request: Louisiana State University A&M to provide more information for a geodetic reference system to aid land planning in Louisiana. The Louisiana Geodetic Spatial Reference Center (LGSRC) is currently a joint partnership between Louisiana State University (LSU) and the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). NGS is an office of NOAA's National Ocean Service and is tasked with maintaining the nation's system of monuments for surveying and positioning. LGSRC is a legal extension of the NGS within the State of Louisiana and surrounding Gulf States and will use GULFNET as the backbone for its regional system of positioning monuments. Accurate and precise positioning data and information is the basis for all things geospatial. A strong capability in geodesy, topographic engineering, and surveying is thus essential to the success of the Center. LSU is at the technological cutting edge in these fields and will

host, staff, manage, and operate the Center on the LSU Baton Rouge campus. In 1997, Louisiana State University began construction of GULFNET, a geodetic reference system spanning coastal Louisiana using GPS technologies. Originally designed to support high precision measurement of subsidence, the system was also designed to support a whole host of other activities. This system consists of three continuously operating stations and 24 episodic campaign targets and is supported by contracts with the National Science Foundation and the Louisiana Board of Regents. GULFNET will provide public and private sector users with data and an information stream that will meet several currently unmet needs and requirements for lateral positioning and height information.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Commerce

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southern Shrimp Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1577 Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Description of Request: National Marine Fisheries Service Shrimp Industry Fishing Effort Research Continuation. In January 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a final rule implementing a comprehensive management regime for achieving new statutory mandates under the Magnuson-Stevens Act to end overfishing and rebuild the red snapper stock in the Gulf of Mexico. A primary component of this plan is a substantial reduction in the bycatch of juvenile red snapper in the shrimp fishery that must be achieved through a large reduction in shrimp fishing effort in juvenile red snapper habitat areas. Failure to achieve the necessary reduction in shrimp fishing effort triggers a closure of the shrimp fishery in these areas. Consequently, the ability to accurately measure where and when shrimp fishing effort occurs each year is not only critical to achieving statutory red snapper conservation objectives, it is absolutely crucial to the future survival of the Gulf shrimp fishery. Widely supported by industry, environmental community and federal & State fishery management agencies.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office

Address of Requesting Entity: 828 S. Irma Blvd. Gonzales, LA 70737

Description of Request: Ascension Parish Sheriff, Law Enforcement Training Equipment. Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office owns and operates one of the premier law enforcement law training facilities in the Gulf region. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies use this facility for various training purposes. The sheriff's office is in need of funding to continue to offer these services.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Baton Rouge

Address of Requesting Entity: 222 St. Louis Street Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Description of Request: East Baton Rouge Parish to upgrade law enforcement tech-

nologies. Federal funding will support city-wide expansion of a program to equip law enforcement officers with the latest in mobile data technology. Laptop computers in 400 marked patrol cars will be linked over a 700/800mhz RF network. Local funding will be used to purchase software and equipment to allow connectivity and initial Wireless Access Points to transmit the data. Federal funding will expand this wireless mesh network, adding Wireless Access Point locations throughout the City/Parish. Wi-fi capabilities will increase the speed and availability of the network and help law enforcement officers in the field prevent and solve crimes by sharing information in real time. FY09 funding will also support city-wide roll-out of a camera monitoring system. The City/Parish has begun to implement a canopy system that uses wireless camera installations to monitor critical infrastructure and other hot points throughout the City/Parish. Cameras will be equipped with state-of-the-art ShotSpotter technology, which provides real-time notification of gunshot events, as well as precise event data, such as a shooter's location. Further expansion of this project will allow the City/Parish to place cameras in newly developing high-crime areas.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jackson Parish

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 E. Court Street, Room 100 Jonesboro, LA 71251

Description of Request: Jackson Parish Sheriff Department Training Complex. Funding would be used to construct a pistol/rifle range and a training building.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lincoln Parish

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 N. Vienne, Ruston, LA 71270

Description of Request: North Louisiana GIS Consortium. Law enforcement agencies are increasingly turning to Pictometry's new visual intelligence tools that permit users to instantly see up to 12 different views of any feature in their jurisdiction. Pictometry, a small, US-owned technology firm creates libraries of a revolutionary new form of digital, full color aerial imagery and geo-spatial information. Pictometry captures every square foot of an area from as many as twelve directions. While Pictometry libraries consist of orthogonal (straight down) images like ordinary aerial imaging, over 80% of the images are oblique (taken from angles) so that features can be easily seen in their entirety. These images reveal the front, back, and sides of objects of interest rather than just their tops. Within seconds, a law enforcement officer can literally view and analyze any house, building, intersection, fire hydrant, tree or any feature in the county from their laptop, workstation, or mobile device.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Sheriff's Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 1175 Nicholson Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Description of Request: Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, Louisiana Methamphetamine Task Force. This grant funding will be used for the continuation of a Multi-Parish Methamphetamine Task Force (Louisiana Methamphetamine Task Force) formed in 2004. The parishes involved are Claiborne, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Vernon, Webster, and Winn. The grant money will be used to continue paying the new personnel hired for the task force, the payment of overtime to law enforcement officers directly involved in the Methamphetamine Task Force, increase the number of new hires, to purchase new equipment which will be specifically directed toward the deterrence, location and destruction of methamphetamine labs. Additionally five percent (5%) of this request will be used to continue paying the grant administrator.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, Department of Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana District Attorney's Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 1645 Nicholson Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Description of Request: Louisiana District Attorney's Association to support an early intervention program for at-risk elementary students. The Prosecutor's Early Intervention Program (PEIP) is a proven prevention-based program, developed by the 16th Judicial District, that creates a conduit between the home, school, social service agencies and the legal system in order to quickly identify and intervene with elementary children who are exhibiting behavioral and/or school performance problems. Children have become more successful in school academically, behavioral problems in the classroom have declined and there has been a decrease in juvenile court filings.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: CJS, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Address of Requesting Entity: 80 Maiden Lane Suite 2204 New York, NY 10038

Description of Request: Thurgood Marshall College Fund to recruit minority students who will pursue careers in the sciences. This program will Assist NASA in its efforts to recruit minority students who will pursue careers in energy sciences. TCMF seeks to continue this nation's mission to produce more minority students in the areas of math and science. Moreover, TCMF is continuing to produce more leaders advocating economic development with a sustained focus of educating the nation's workforce and providing state-of-the-art instruction, facilities and curriculum.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Bayou Sorrel Lock, LA. Bayou Sorrel Lock (Intracoastal Waterway Locks) in the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, a main-line feature of the MR&T, is critical for flood protection and inland navigation. The funds would be used to advance

preconstruction, engineering and design completion by two years. Authorization: Section 601 of WRDA 1986 (PL 99-662)

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Comite River (Diversification Project), LA. This project was created to ameliorate flood losses in the Baton Rouge Urbanized Area. Since this project began, federal funding has not been adequate and the project construction schedule had to be extended from 2011 to 2016 in accordance with USACE estimates. This is caused by the inadequate annual funding that allows only the absolute minimum work to keep the project alive. \$18,000,000 is necessary to adequately fund construction related work for the project and continue development of plans and specifications.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock Replacement, LA. The EIS for the IHNC Lock replacement is being redone under court order and will be completed in December 2008. The additional funds will be used to resume lock design and award west levee contract to complete construction by 2018. This is a critical lock in the GIWW system and is the #1 priority of the Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB).

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Red River Waterway Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 709, Shreveport, LA 71162

Description of Request: J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, LA. The project is located in central and northwest Louisiana and provides for a 9-by 200-foot navigation channel extending about 236 miles from the Mississippi River through Old River and Red River to the vicinity of Shreveport, LA. Five locks and adjacent dams provide a lift of about 141 feet. Facilities to provide recreation and fish and wildlife development are also an integral part of the project. Although the project is open to navigation, refinements to the channel alignment are necessary to improve the safety and reliability of the navigation channel as well as to reduce maintenance dredging costs. These refinements consist of reinforcing or capping out existing revetments as well as adding additional contraction structures (dikes) to improve navigation conditions. WRDA 2007 increased the authorized cost for mitigation to \$33,912,000 allowing the purchase of cleared or agricultural lands for reforestation.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Bayou Desiard, Monroe, LA. Bayou DeSiard is located within Ouachita Parish in northeastern Louisiana near the city of Monroe. Prior to the construction of the Ouachita River levee system, the bayou was a flowing stream that drained into the Ouachita River just north of Monroe. It is currently a 28-mile-long impoundment.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Frazier/Whitehouse Oxbow Lake Weir, LA. Frazier/Whitehouse Oxbow Lake is located in east-central Louisiana, adjacent to Lindy C. Boggs Lock and Dam. The project provides for an overtopping closing to maintain minimum water levels during period of low water. Completion of the proposed project would result in positive environmental benefits by partially restoring historical lake water levels and the associated fish and wildlife habitat.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Lake St. Joseph, Tensas Parish, LA. Lake St. Joseph, an abandoned oxbow of the Mississippi River, is located in northeast Louisiana in Tensas Parish, 4 miles north of St. Joseph, LA. The lake is a shallow lake, 3 to 4 feet deep, due to sedimentation and subject to fish kills during prolonged periods of hot weather.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Alexandria to the Gulf, LA. Funding in the amount of \$790,000 is necessary to complete remaining work for the Feasibility Study and advance the PED. Authorization: HR 23 July 1997.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Morganza to the Gulf, LA. Funding in the amount of \$8,000,000 would be used to continue Pre-Construction and Design work and \$10,000,000 would be

used for construction activities authorized under WRDA 2007. Authorization: WRDA 2007 (P.L. 110-114), Sec 1001 (24).

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Spring Bayou, LA. The study area includes the Spring Bayou, LA, area, and any adjacent parishes that impact the area. The Spring Bayou Area is comprised of several U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuges and state wildlife management areas, along with adjacent lands that have traditionally been recognized as one of the most significant fish and wildlife and wetland ecosystems in the South.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Mississippi River Levees, AR, IL, KY, LA, MS, MO & TN. Funding in the amount of \$54,100,000 is necessary to properly fund construction for the raising of deficient portions of the Mississippi River Levees. Funds can also be used for the construction of a museum and interpretive site.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Baton Rouge Harbor, Devil Swamp, LA. This project is to maintain depth of the slack water channel for commercial barge traffic. Authorization: Flood control Act 1948; Sect 201, P.L. 858

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Tensas Basin, Boeuf and Tensas Rivers, AR & LA. The flood control project is located in central and northeast Louisiana and southeast Arkansas and includes the Lake Chicot pumping plant. Funds are requested to continue operation and maintenance of project features and to repair bell housing; maintain Big Bayou weirs; replace Motor Control Center at Lake Chicot pumping plant; paint and repair operators; prepare plans and specifications for Lake Chicot access road; and construct Lake Chicot access road.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Tensas Basis, Red River Backwater, LA. The project is located in central and northeast Louisiana. For Operations and Maintenance

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf & Black, LA. For operations and Maintenance.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Red River Waterway Commission

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Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Lake Providence Harbor, LA. Lake Providence Harbor is an inland harbor, located along the Mississippi River in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. Without maintenance dredging funds, this harbor will lose project dimensions requiring the port to be shut down during the busiest time of the year when crops are harvested and shipped. This harbor services many small communities and farmers in Louisiana. The project was constructed in 1980 and has been maintained annually. The loss of navigation will have significant adverse economic impacts on the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Madison Parish Port, LA. Madison Parish Port is a fast water, shallow draft port, located on the Mississippi

River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. Without maintenance dredging funds, this port will lose project dimensions requiring the port to be shut down during the busiest time of the year when crops are harvested and shipped. This port services many small communities and farmers in Louisiana. The project was constructed in 1980 and has been maintained annually. The loss of navigation will have significant adverse economic impacts on the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico, LA. Operation and maintenance funds for the Mississippi River Ship Channel Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico are not adequate to keep international commerce moving without delays and light loadings. Additional funds are needed to repair pile dikes, foreshore dikes and jet-ties and some residual damage to structures from Hurricane Katrina.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Department of Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: Ruston, La
Description of Request: Bionanotechnology: Research and Commercialization (LA). Three biorefinery projects will help invigorate the economy in North Louisiana and decrease the entire nation's dependency on fossil fuels. Louisiana Tech has world class expertise including algae to biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, and nanoengineered fischer-tropsch catalysts.

A TRIBUTE TO CONSTANCE V. HAY-ALLEYNE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Constance V. Hay-Alleyne.

Constance has lived life as a goal oriented and knowledgeable Registered Nurse with ambitious and humanitarian social motivations. Constance is well known in the Panamanian and Caribbean communities. Her delightful intellectual curiosity has served her professional growth well. She holds a BSN and MSN degrees from Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York and Georgetown University, in Washington D.C., respectively. She has distinguished herself as a competent Nurse Manager and Administrator for over three decades, in the Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Washington D.C. areas. In 1981, she joined the United States Army Nurses Corps, served as a Captain, active duty and in reserve.

At home, Constance has raised her four children to love and respect everyone especially their elders. She insufflated in them positive outlooks in life and motivation to do "as much as they can" with care and dignity. It

could not be otherwise since this has been an inheritance from her parents: John who died at the age of 114 and Imogene, at age 82. Faithful to that motto, she has been involved in many other activities such as a mediator at the Fafe Horizon Brooklyn Mediation Center, as a Board Member of the Community Board 5 and as the Chair for Education and Training for Tashia's Life, a lupus foundation.

She was miraculously rescued from the September 11, 2001 disaster at WTI. This encounter made her redefine her mission on earth, realizing that God had saved her life for some special purpose. She serves the Lord at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Canarsie, Brooklyn, where she functions as a Lay Ecinencial Minister, as well as a Vestry.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Hay-Alleyne has received numerous awards and recognitions including: being featured in "Who's Who?" in Nursing in Cambridge.

IN RECOGNITION OF AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS (AHECs)

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of the nation's Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) and applaud the vitally important healthcare workforce programs they conduct to improve access to healthcare for medically underserved individuals.

AHECs, established by Congress in 1971 as one of the Title VII Health Professions Training programs, are the workforce development, training and education machine for the nation's healthcare safety net programs. Across the nation, 54 AHEC programs and more than 200 affiliated AHEC centers collaborate with over 120 medical schools and 600 nursing and allied health programs to improve the quality, geographic distribution and diversity of the primary care workforce.

Last year, AHECs facilitated the placement of more than 44,000 health professional students in almost 17,000 community-based practice settings nationwide including community health centers, rural health clinics, critical access hospitals, tribal clinics and public health departments. To address the growing shortage of health care professionals in America, nearly 102,000 students received more than 20 hours of health career exposure, information, and academic enhancement to prepare them for health professions training programs.

The University of South Florida's AHEC Program connects students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health. The USF AHEC Program inspires youth to choose a career in the health professions with its health career camps, mentoring programs, college preparatory courses and more. USF focuses on recruiting more minority and disadvantaged youth into health careers because as the nation's population becomes more diverse, it is important that the health care workforce reflects that diversity. AHECs in the Tampa Bay area are dedicated to community service and committed to enhancing the lives of Florida's most vulnerable